

APPROPRIATION—PUBLIC JUNIOR COLLEGES

S. B. No. 163

CHAPTER 483.

An Act providing for and regulating appropriations from moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supplement local funds for the support, maintenance, operation, and improvement of the Public Junior Colleges of Texas as named in this Act; providing it shall be mandatory that each institution participating in the funds herein provided, shall collect from each pupil enrolled, matriculation and other session fees not less than the amounts provided for by law and by other state supported institutions of higher learning; as provided in Articles 2654A, 2654B and 2654C Revised Civil Statutes of Texas; providing for an annual appropriation of Three Hundred Twenty-five Thousand (\$325,000.00) Dollars for each of the fiscal years beginning September 1, 1941, and September 1, 1942, respectively, and for the allocation thereof, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. There shall be appropriated biennially from moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated an amount sufficient to supplement local funds in the proper support, maintenance, operation and improvement of the Public Junior Colleges of Texas, which meet the standards as herein provided; and said sum shall be allocated on a basis and in a manner hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. To be eligible for and to receive a proportionate share of this appropriation, a Public Junior College must be accredited as a first class Junior College by the State Department of Education, and the State Department of Education is hereby authorized to set up rules and provisions by which Public Junior Colleges may be inspected and accredited. And provided further that to be eligible to participate in any biennial appropriation, each Public Junior College shall offer a minimum of twenty-four (24) semester hours of vocational and/or terminal courses. And provided further that in order to be eligible to participate in any biennial appropriation each Public Junior College shall have complied with all existing laws, rules and regulations governing the establishment and maintenance of Public Junior Colleges. It shall be mandatory that each institution participating in the funds herein provided shall collect from each pupil enrolled, matriculation and other session fees not less than the amounts provided for by law and by other state supported institutions of higher learning; as provided in Articles 2654A, 2654B and 2654C Revised Civil Statutes of Texas.

Sec. 3. There is hereby appropriated for the support, maintenance, operation and improvement of the Public Junior Colleges of Texas as named herein, the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-five Thousand (\$325,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1941; and the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-five Thousand (\$325,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1942; and providing further that this appropriation shall be apportioned among the following Junior Colleges:

Blinn Junior College at Brenham
 Brownsville Junior College at Brownsville
 Hillsboro Junior College at Hillsboro
 Amarillo Junior College at Amarillo
 Clarendon Junior College at Clarendon
 Hardin Junior College at Wichita Falls
 Paris Junior College at Paris
 Texarkana Junior College at Texarkana
 Corpus Christi Junior College at Corpus Christi

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San Antonio Junior College at San Antonio
Kilgore Junior College at Kilgore
Ranger Junior College at Ranger
Edinburg Junior College at Edinburg
Gainesville Junior College at Gainesville
Temple Junior College at Temple
Victoria Junior College at Victoria
Lee Junior College at Goose Creek
Lamar Junior College at Beaumont
Tyler Junior College at Tyler
San Angelo Junior College at San Angelo
Cisco Junior College at Cisco

University of Houston, Houston, Texas, Junior College Division,
Freshman and Sophomore students only.

Provided that each of the above Public Junior Colleges shall qualify within the requirements of this Act; and provided further that the funds here appropriated shall be disbursed to and distributed among the Public Junior Colleges which qualify to receive it on the basis of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars per capita for each full time student per scholastic year, and providing that "full time student" as herein used is defined as a student doing fifteen (15) semester hours of work, and that the number of full time students enrolled in any school to be benefited by this Act shall be determined by dividing the total number of semester hours of work carried by all students of the school, as of November 1st in any fiscal year, by fifteen (15).

Sec. 4. The fact that the local funds now made available for the support, maintenance and operation of Public Junior Colleges are inadequate to provide the educational facilities which are needed by the students of such institutions creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended, and said Rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate, May 6, 1941: by a viva voce vote; June 2, 1941,

Senate concurred in House amendments: Yeas 19, Nays 9; passed the House, May 29, 1941, with amendments: Yeas 80, Nays 44.

Approved June 11, 1941.

Effective 90 days after July 3, 1941, date of adjournment.